

HOUSE BILL 138
By Turner M

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11; Title 54;
Title 68 and Title 69, relative to environmental impact study
of proposed forest clear-cutting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

11-1-116.

(a) The proposed clear-cutting of any forest or other woodlands shall be
considered a major action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

(b) No permit shall be granted nor state funds shall be approved or expended to
facilitate or implement such clear-cutting until an impact study of such proposal shall be
conducted and the findings of such study are reviewed and acted upon by the
commissioner of agriculture and the commissioner of environment and conservation.

(c) The commissioners are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to
effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated
in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.